

Property Number: 21200440065
Status: Unutilized
Reason: Secured area

Land (by State)

Maryland

15 acres

Ft. Meade

Ft. Meade Co: MD 20755-5115

Landholding Agency: Army

Property Number: 21200440031

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured area

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Dated: October 22, 2004.

C. Allen Sachse,

*Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh
National Heritage Corridor Commission.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; Westfield River, Massachusetts

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOI.

ACTION: Approval of application.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Interior hereby announces approval of an application by the Governor of Massachusetts to expand the designation of the Westfield River, Massachusetts and tributaries as a State- and local-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The effect of this action will be that 34.8 miles of river will be added to the previously designated 43.3 miles. The river and affected lands will continue to be administered by State and local authorities without expense to the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jamie Fosburgh, National Park Service, Northeast Region, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, (617) 223-5191 (Jamie_Fosburgh@nps.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted the Secretary of the Interior by section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1273(a)(ii)), and upon proper application of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 34.8 miles of the Westfield River, its three branches, and headwater tributaries are hereby added to the 43.3 miles of the Westfield River previously designated as State-administered components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System on November 16, 1993.

On April 26, 2002, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts petitioned the Secretary of the Interior to add 34.8 miles of the Westfield River and tributaries to the National System. These river segments had been designated a Local Scenic River on December 5, 2001, pursuant to the Massachusetts Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act. In response to the Governor's request, the National Park Service conducted a complete review of the State application and documents associated with the designation decision. As a result of that review, the Secretary has determined that 34.8

miles of the Westfield and its tributaries should be designated as a State-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, as provided for in section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA).

The State of Massachusetts has fulfilled the requirement of the WSRA by designating these segments as "Local Scenic River" and by adopting a program of action that will adequately protect the river from adverse State actions. The National Park Service evaluation of the river concluded that these segments of the Westfield River meet the criteria for wild, scenic, and recreational classification under the WSRA. Accordingly, the following river segments are classified as wild, scenic, or recreational pursuant to section 2(b) of the WSRA to be administered by State and local government: *Wild:* Shaker Mill Brook, 2.6 miles from Brooker Hill Road in Becket to its headwaters. *Scenic:* Upper East Branch, 6.6 miles from the Windsor/Cummington town line to its confluence; Upper East Branch Tributaries—Drowned Land Brook, 1.5 miles; Center Brook, 2.5 miles; and Windsor Jambs Brook, 1.3 miles; and Headwater Tributaries of the West Branch—Shaker Mill Brook, 1.2 miles from Brooker Hill Road in Becket to its confluence; Depot Brook, 4.5 miles; Savery Brook, 2.9 miles; Watson Brook, 1.9 miles; and Center Pond Brook, 1.6 miles from Center Pond to its confluence.

Recreational: Lower Middle Branch, East Branch, and Main Stem, 3.2 miles in the Town of Huntington and the Upper East Branch, 5.0 miles from its confluence with Sykes Brook to its confluence with the West Branch.

This action is taken following public involvement and consultation with the Departments of Agriculture, Army, Energy, and Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as required by section 4(c) of the WSRA. A 45-day period for public comment on the State's application and river management plan of the proposed national designation was provided from April 10, 2003, to May 27, 2003. All comments received have been carefully considered. A 30-day period of public comment on the environmental assessment was provided from May 4, 2004, to June 4, 2004. No comments were received on the Environmental Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that, effective upon this date, the above-described river segments are approved for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to be administered

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior,
Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday,
November 12, 2004, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bucks County Audubon Society, Honey Hollow Environmental Education Center, 6324 Upper York Road, New Hope, PA 18938.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988, and extended through Public Law 105-355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton, PA 18042. (610) 923-3548.

by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local jurisdictions.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Control Number 1018-0095; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, 50 CFR 17.84, Experimental Populations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Fish and Wildlife Service (We/Service) is requesting OMB to extend an existing approval to collect information on some experimental populations of threatened and endangered wildlife, as described below. We will use the information that we collect to monitor the success of reintroduction efforts and recovery efforts in general.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before November 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection renewal to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or at OIRA_Docket@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MS 222-ArlsQ, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection requirement or explanatory information, contact Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at the address or fax number listed above or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have sent a request to OMB to renew approval of the information collection requirements for Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations. Currently we have approval from OMB to collect information under OMB Control

Number 1018-0095, which expires on October 31, 2004. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). Following our submittal, OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove our information collection renewal; however, they may respond as early as 30 days after our submittal. Therefore, to ensure consideration, send your comments and suggestions to OMB by the date listed in the **DATES** section near the beginning of this notice.

On July 29, 2004, we published a 60-day notice on this information collection requirement in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 45341) and invited public comment. The comment period ended on September 27, 2004. We received one comment from an individual who opposed collecting depredation information from certain groups of individuals, such as hunting or trapping clubs. We cannot exclude any group or individual from reporting information that they believe may be related to this information collection. The commenter did not address the appropriateness of the information or the burden hours. Therefore, we have not made any changes to our information collection requirements.

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) describes prohibited acts involving threatened or endangered species (16 U.S.C. 1538(a)(1)(B)). Information collection and reporting to the Service is required for some experimental populations established under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended. We collect three major categories of information under the experimental population regulations (50 CFR 17.84):

(1) General take or removal. General take or removal information refers to human-related mortality including unintentional taking incidental to otherwise lawful activities (*e.g.*, highway mortalities), take in defense of human life, take related to defense of property (if authorized), or take in the form of authorized harassment. Most contacts related to this type of information collection are sightings of experimental animals or the inadvertent

discovery of an injured or dead individual.

(2) Depredation-related take. Depredation-related take refers to take for management purposes where livestock depredation has been documented and may include authorized harassment or lethal take of experimental animals in the act of attacking livestock. The information collected for this type of take is necessary for follow-up reports after the Service has authorized harassment or lethal take of experimental animals in relation to confirmed instances of livestock depredation or in defense of human life.

(3) Collection of specimens or the recovery of dead animals that are part of an experimental population. Specimen collection is for the purpose of documenting incidental or authorized scientific collection. Most of the information collection requirements for this take pertain primarily to the reporting of sightings of experimental population animals or the inadvertent discovery of an injured or dead individual. The information collected is necessary for follow-up reports when we have authorized take of experimental animals for specimen collection.

Because individuals of designated experimental populations for species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA are categorically protected, documentation of human-related mortalities, recovery of dead specimens, and other types of take related to the status of experimental populations are important for monitoring the success of reintroduction efforts and recovery efforts in general. To minimize potential conflict with humans, which could undermine recovery efforts, livestock depredations connected with some experimental populations of listed species require prompt attention to (1) determine the location, timing, and nature of the predatory behavior involved, (2) accurately determine the species responsible for a livestock kill, and (3) apply necessary control measures.

In cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service, Division of Wildlife Services, or other cooperating Federal agencies, we rely on prompt public reporting of depredation in order to resolve livestock related problems. Therefore, a time sensitive requirement for reporting problems (generally within 24 hours) to the appropriate Service office is necessary. Cooperating Federal agencies provide the vast majority of the information collected by the Service as a result of experimental population regulations.